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BART Contemplates Huge Housing Project In Place of Parking Lot

BART officials are looking at developing housing on the site across the street from the Glen Park station that now used is used as a parking lot—a project that could become the largest residential complex in the neighborhood.

The BART board of directors voted in April to invite private developers to express interest in taking on the project, which is located across Bosworth Street from the Glen Park BART Station. The existing parking lot has 45 spaces, and is used not just by BART patrons but others visiting the neighborhood's commercial corridor, including car sharing programs.

Representatives of the regional rail agency said the lot provides "an opportunity to make productive use" of the site for a development that could include ground-floor businesses and "50 to 60 housing units."

It is expected—but not guaranteed—that the housing would be offered at so-called affordable rates for low-income and middle-class residents. San Francisco BART director Tom Radulovich said there have been discussions to aim the housing at families or seniors.

While no timeline has been determined, the vote by the BART board moves the idea forward. Supervisor Bevan Dufty, who represents Glen Park on the Board of Supervisors, said he only learned of BART's recent action during a meeting with BART Board President Lynette Sweet on another matter. He said he has real concerns, particularly over the potential loss of parking. BART officials concede that

the parking now available in the lot may not be replaced, since the area is served by both BART and Muni.

The City, in promoting its "Transit First" policy that discourages the use of the private automobile and promotes the use of public transportation and biking, has looked favorably at projects that don't include parking.

A big battle over parking erupted in Glen Park during planning for the new housing/market/library development that now stands at Diamond and Wilder streets. In the end, the City required only limited on-site parking spaces for the condo owners—and none for Canyon Market or the soon-to-be-opened neighborhood branch library.

"Parking is one of the most sensitive pressure points in Glen Park," Dufty told the *Glen Park News*. "I have some real concerns."

Sweet said that in response to Dufty's concerns, BART will pause and step up community outreach before going full-throttle with any development plans. "We're not trying to irritate anybody," she said.

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Neighbors throng Wilder Street.

Photo by Liz Manglesdorf

Glen Park Festival Found Its Groove This Spring

There may have been a chill in the air, but the Glen Park Festival on April 29 was once again the hot event of the neighborhood. The daylong event

attracted thousands of visitors to the heart of the village. With portions of Diamond and Wilder streets blocked

off to traffic, the streets were alive with music, food, drink, commerce, crafts and community good will.

Glen Park organizations and residents representing such diverse interests as the parks, gardening, schools, honeybees, churches and businesses set up booths. Craftspeople sold their goods, and our own Engine No. 26 and its crew from the Diamond Heights fire station were, as usual, the top attraction for the 12-and-under crowd.

Police officers representing Ingleside Station handed out scores of "Junior SFPD Officer" star-shaped stickers. Sounds of Hawaiian, salsa, R&B and Middle Eastern music filled the air, as the uninhibited shook and shimmied on the asphalt-turned-dance floor.

More than two dozen volunteers helped stage the event, and once again this year, Dr. Dan Gustavson, whose dental office is on Bosworth Street, chaired the festival. The annual event, now in its 10th year after a scheduling-caused hiatus in 2006, helps support youth-oriented community programs. ■

Glen Park Association Meeting Notice

Tuesday, July 31, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

St. John's School, 925 Chenery St.

Dessert Potluck

Meet the author of the new Glen Park history book!
Local writer Emma Bland Smith will show slides and tell stories from the history of Glen Park and Diamond Heights.

From the Editors

Spring is a great reminder of why Glen Park is truly a San Francisco treasure. From the Glen Park Festival to the baby owls nesting in Glen Canyon Park, the neighborhood has a lot to offer for a variety of interests.

As we're heading into summer, we're seeing more changes coming to the heart of our commercial district. Construction of the new library is in its final stages, and work is under way on new restaurants.

Other big changes may be in store if, for example, BART moves forward with plans to develop its parking lot across Bosworth Street from the station.

The *Glen Park News* strives to cover what's good about our neighborhood, and what's bad, and to showcase the achievements of local residents and businesses. We rely on

our readers to help keep us informed, so we can pass the information on to a larger audience.

We're pleased to announce that one of our contributors, photographer Ellen Rosenthal, is going to show her work in an upcoming exhibit.

The show, titled "10 by 10," will be held at the Mina Dresden Gallery, 312 Valencia St. at 14th. The exhibit is set to run from June 11-30. An artist reception will be held June 23, from 7-9 p.m. The gallery is open Wednesday through Saturday, 5-8 p.m.

Can You Help?

Are you a web person? The Glen Park Association could use a little help with its web site. Nothing fancy, but if you're comfortable with DreamWeaver and updating web sites and would like to volunteer an hour or so a month, the association would love to hear from you.

It's simple stuff, if you know what you're doing, but just now the board lacks that specific skill-set. Get involved in the neighborhood in an easy, low-key way. ■

Glen Park Association News

The phrase "New Urbanism" crops up in headlines, real estate promotions and plenty of submissions to planning commissions everywhere. "New Urbanism" touts development based on mixed-use buildings and clusters, higher densities than typically found in suburban development, a focus on transit service and less on parking and roads.

Drop the "New," call it "Old Urbanism" or just "Urbanism" and we have Glen Park.

Mixed-use? Our retail buildings have apartments, condos, offices and, soon, a library upstairs.

Density? No big yards here, and lots of homes in a 10-minute walk. Glen Canyon is near most of us.

Transit? Even with real concerns about Muni reliability, we have six bus and streetcar lines stretching in all directions. BART takes 10 minutes to downtown and 25 minutes to SFO.

Parking and traffic? Compared with many San Francisco neighborhoods, we have a reasonable balance of parking, and good routes to every part of the city—the Sunset, the Mission, Potrero Hill, Downtown, Upper Market. And don't forget our City Car-Share and Zip Car stations.

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Glen Park has long been an authentic case for "Urbanism." With the foot traffic from BART flowing past and into Canyon Market, restaurants and other businesses as we come and go from home, I feel a growing level of energy in our urban neighborhood. Others have seen our strengths, with recent write-ups in *San Francisco* magazine, and now in *Sunset*.

Another part of "Urbanism" is change. From dairy farms and railroads, to rowhouses, freeways and BART, Glen Park will always be facing change. Not just change in our neighborhood, as BART looks at improving the pedestrian and bus connections and potential development of the BART parking lot with housing, or the City looks to zoning that will affect properties along Kern Alley.

The Planning Department and the Municipal Transportation Agency, as their staff shared with us at the April GPA meeting, is ready to work with us on these future changes. These ideas were aired in the Draft Glen Park Community Plan completed in 2003. Now we can fine-tune the plan

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Letters to the Editor

Dear *Glen Park News*,

Just read the Spring 2007 issue and have to say it's by far the best you've ever done. The articles are NOT sketchy, full of details that are interesting and important and there are so many of them. Not to mention *well-written*. Kudos to all. I'm very impressed. Keep up the good work!

Re: Association dues: I need a reminder to pay!

Suzanne Sampson
Physical Therapist

Editor's Note: The Glen Park News is produced by the non-profit Glen Park Association. Dues are \$20 per household per year — a cheap way to strengthen the neighborhood and keep the paper publishing!

Dear Editor,

I read with great interest Ben Wanicur's passionate letter to the editor (Spring 2007) and Ashley Hathaway's simplistic, self-serving and, ultimately, silly response regarding purchasing v. adopting dogs. Sadly, their "debate" centered on the quality of purebreds v. mixed breed dogs.

Unfortunately, neither writer mentioned the single most compelling reason NOT to purchase dogs (or cats)—pet overpopulation. According to the Doris Day Animal League, an estimated 6–8 million dogs and cats are killed in shelters each year (30 percent are purchased purebreds). It is a sad fact of life that millions of "surplus" cats and dogs have no homes. Animal shelters are filled to capacity with these abandoned and unwanted

creatures, which continuously arrive and are unceremoniously euthanized to make room for others.

The pet overpopulation crisis is not the result of one cause. But, one of the key reasons why millions of healthy animals are put to death every year is commercial breeding. Commercial breeders deliberately bring millions of animals into an already overpopulated world to sell them for profit. Every purchased animal represents one less home for an animal in a shelter that will die for lack of an owner.

As a society we are obligated to reduce these needless animal deaths. Here's how you can help:

- Save a life—adopt animals from shelters. Never buy animals from a breeder or pet store. If you must have a particular breed, please adopt one from a shelter or rescue organization.

- Spay and/or neuter your pets—uncontrolled breeding is a huge contributing factor to this national tragedy.

Pet ownership is a serious commitment and responsibility. If you are not prepared to provide a lifetime home for an animal, please don't get one.

Regards,
Fern Schneiderman

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and make sure we are moving ahead with the right elements.

Yet the successful outcome of these plans will depend not only on the support of the neighborhood, but many factors outside Glen Park.

For example, the mix of housing developed on the BART lot or elsewhere will need to meet a range of affordability. These are legal requirements, and I think the rules are the right thing in a time of \$750,000 condos.

Muni needs to help us get out of our cars, but there are real city-wide issues on how Muni is managed and financed. Are we willing to pay taxes for positive change? Are we supporting our school system to keep families in the neighborhood and the city?

My "platform" as president of the Glen Park Association has always been this: We have a great neighborhood to maintain and help grow in good ways, but we are in the middle of San Francisco. We have to account for what is around us. Let's always keep this balance in mind. ■

Michael Rice is president of the Glen Park Association.

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Owl Chicks Were a Sight to See

If you didn't get a chance to see the baby owls in the park this time around, you by Ashley Hathaway may get a chance to see more next season, as the parents of these fluffy feathered youngsters seem to have a family almost every year.

The mom and pop pair are great horned owls. They had three chicks in early spring right here in Glen Canyon Park. The owls nested in the eucalyptus tree that intersects the two paths just inside the Elk Street entrance. According to local resident David Armstrong, an avid birdwatcher, it's not the first time they have nested there. He believes the adult owls are about 10 years old and have had babies each season for at least the past five years.

Armstrong has been observing birds in Glen Canyon Park for close to a decade and says, "The adult owls seem to be oblivious to all the people; they could have nested higher up." He

explains that owls need a good 'platform' to nest and the tree they chose clearly was a good site.

Owls don't build nests of their own, but utilize the nests of other birds, hollows or 'platforms' in trees, and even abandoned buildings.

Because these owls selected this particular tree, the owl chicks were highly visible to onlookers and created quite a spectacle. Richard Craib, who heads the Friends of Glen Canyon Park, says that may not have been in the best interest of the owl chicks. He believes the baby owls left the nest site sooner than they normally would have had the nest been higher and out of view. Armstrong agrees.

The great horned owl nesting season is typically in late January or early February and during that time the owls can be heard 'hooting' to each other at night and in the early hours just before dawn. An average adult great horned owl is 22 inches long, has a wingspan of 49 inches and weighs about three pounds. ■



A baby Great Horned Owl perches in its nest in a eucalyptus tree in Glen Canyon in May, 2007. Photo by Michael Waldstein

Three Restaurants, a Bookstore and a Library

The second half of 2007 may bring as many changes to downtown Glen Park as we've seen during the past five years, with the opening of three new restaurants, relocation of our beloved bookstore and, last but not least, the grand opening of a new library many times bigger than the old branch.

by
Elizabeth
Weise

First in the line-up is expected to be the opening of Le P'tit Laurent, in the former Red Rock space at 699 Chenery St. at Diamond. Owned by Ric L6pez of Modern Past, the building is in the final stages of renovation before the restaurant opens, perhaps as early as June, he told the *Glen Park News* on May 22.

Hopefully the opening is "right around the corner," L6pez said.

The dinner restaurant will be a classic French bistro run by Laurent Legendre (the "little Larry" of the restaurant's name)—the original owner of two other popular San Francisco restaurants, Clementine and Bistro Clement.

The chef will be Eliseto Soto, formerly of Plouf, Bistro Clement and La Suite. The restaurant will have fewer than 50 seats, and a bar, L6pez said. A peek in the window reveals pressed-tin ceilings and a hand-painted *trompe-l'œil* mural that will bring a touch of Paris to the Glen Park village.

As soon as the construction workers are done at Le P'tit Laurent, they'll head across the street to L6pez's other work-in-progress, Sangha. Sanskrit for "community," it will be a sushi restaurant and will seat 35-40 diners, L6pez said. The chef will be Gerardo Torres, who has worked at Blowfish, Moki's and Mas Sake.

Come August, the lease on the Glen Park Library at 653 Chenery is up. Whether or not the new library site around the corner is ready for move-in, it's likely that the old library will be packed up then.

At which point, barring some unforeseen disaster, the bookstore Bird & Beckett will move from its cramped quarters at 2788 Diamond St. into the old library space. "Our present space is 1,000 square feet, the new one will be 1,500, so that's almost 50 percent more room," says Bird & Beckett's owner Eric Whittington. He hopes to be able to devote space for people to lounge around—"for kids and for people who work here," he said, gesturing at the tiny space he now has to move around in surrounded by a mountain of books.

Whittington will expand his new-book offerings, but mostly will focus on used, with hopefully an even more-bountiful collection of children's books.

"We'll have another pancake breakfast fund-raiser like we did last summer, and a concert or two," he says. "And we definitely plan to use the new space for a dance hall once or twice as soon as it's open, and before we move in."

But that's putting the cart before the horse. July in the bookstore will feature two important community events. The first: Publication of the final Harry Potter book, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, on Saturday, July 21.

"They'll go on sale at midnight Friday night," Whittington says. "We'll have jazz until around 8 or so, then we'll start the Harry Potter countdown. We'll stay open until midnight and hand them all out then."

The store is offering a 33 percent discount to all who pre-order and pre-pay by cash or check, so shop locally by calling in your order now.

The final week of June will feature the publication of a photo history of Glen Park by the *Glen Park News*'s own Emma Bland Smith. (See the review on page 7.) Smith will give a reading and signing at Bird & Beckett. Check with the store for details.

The sparkling new Glen Park library is anticipated to open in early fall.

"It's coming along," acting librarian Denise Sanderson said at the end of May. "They've put the floor in and they've painted the walls and most of the ceiling is in. In early June, they're supposed to install the big art piece at the ground level by the stairs, so when people walk by they'll definitely see that, even if we're not ready to open."

A completion date for the new site hasn't yet been set, but the old library will definitely close Aug. 31 when the lease expires. "That's sort of normal. It takes about two months to get the new books set up and to get everything else in place. So we will need to be shut down for a little bit," Sanderson says.

The staff is planning to have a small farewell party at the old library, which has been in that space for 29 years. "We'll have a time the last week when people can come in and say good-bye and maybe sign a book," Sanderson says.

When the new library does open,

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A coyote meanders through Glen Canyon.

Photo by Melisa Dunbar

Coyotes Take Up Residence in the Park: Moles are on the Menu

A pair of coyotes appear to have taken up at least temporary residence in Glen Canyon Park, with numerous sightings and several photos to prove their existence.

by
Elizabeth
Weise

Melisa Dunbar and her husband live on Turquoise Way in one of the houses cantilevered out over the canyon and got the photo of the coyote that illustrates this story.

"We were having coffee out on our back deck one weekend morning in March when we first noticed the male coyote," she said. "He was just walking along the trail not far from our deck. We watched him for quite some time before he took a path back across to the west side of the canyon."

A few weeks later they saw two coyotes on a fallen log on the O'Shaughnessy side of the canyon.

Dunbar thought the coyotes might have moved on, but the couple saw one of them under their house at about 11 o'clock at night in late May.

Wildlife biologist Keith Aubry confirmed that the photos are of a coyote: "The size and shape of the head and snout in the first photo is 'classic coyote.' And the habitat conditions I see in the photos are ideal coyote habitat."

Aubry is a principal research biologist with the USDA Forest Service's Pacific Northwest Research Center. He said coyotes are present and can be relatively common in most natural and semi-natural habitats in North America, including suburban areas and urban parks.

Research in Seattle found that their most frequent food in urban areas

appears to be domestic cats. "Small dogs are also vulnerable to coyotes, but I think cats are particularly vulnerable because they roam around more at night," he said. But Dunbar said at least one of the coyotes' food sources appears to be moles. The couple has watched the coyote hunt the moles that have tunneled throughout the entire canyon.

Healthy coyotes do not pose a measurable danger to people, including small children, because they prey primarily on small and medium-sized (rabbit-sized) mammals and birds. They avoid people whenever they can, Aubry said.

Coyotes vary tremendously in coloration, but always have a black tip on their tail. Checking the tail is the best way to know what you're seeing at a distance, he said.

And if coyotes weren't enough, Tristan Seifer says her visiting mother recently saw a bobcat in her backyard on Surrey at Diamond: "I have to admit I didn't take her very seriously, though now enough people have told me bobcats live in Glen Canyon that I've apologized to my mom!"

San Francisco Animal Care and Control says that there are coyotes throughout the city. They are not aggressive and are actually fairly shy. Scavengers, they will eat almost anything small such as rodents, though people with very small dogs might want to keep them on a leash when walking in the canyon. Animal Care and Control says it has no record of anyone in the city ever being harmed by a coyote. It is against the law to trap or harm these animals. ■

Glen Park is ... (Insert Adjective Here)

Real estate agents are going all out to sell Glen Park homes at stratospheric prices. No longer is it sufficient to stage a home, top to bottom, with the latest Pottery Barn (or is it Crate and Barrel?) interpretations of yuppie nesting style.

An open home on our vaunted Laidley Street, asking price \$1.2 million, welcomed prospective buyers with fresh-baked goods and urns of coffee, not to mention, in the newly landscaped backyard, a beautiful cellist playing classical music to put one in the mood for a lovely bidding war. ("We want buyers to see how well suited this home is for entertaining," the agent explained.)

Recognize Glen Park in any of these descriptions? Hip, trendy, cool—and that San Francisco favorite—upscale. These and similar adjectives fly about when writers describe our neighborhood. Glen Park has been the subject of a recent flurry of press, both in paper and online.

The buzz is reaching a crescendo as the June issue of *Sunset* magazine is released, with a feature on Glen Park hot spots, "Stepping Out in Glen Park." *Sunset* is ecstatic about "the boulder-strewn and eucalyptus-filled canyon, the city's most rugged open space..." It applauds Bird and Beckett Books & Records: "a bookstore the way they used to be: Musty, cramped, and staffed by smart, friendly folks." And it highlights our diverse and growing number of restaurants.

Herewith, some more examples of Glen Park hype (all are available online):

San Francisco Bay Guardian, March 21-27, 2007: "Mythic Pizza," a rave review of Gialina pizza restaurant in the "reborn" Glen Park, which has given itself an "extreme makeover." The reviewer, Paul Reidinger, pronounces Gialina's pizzas "among the best pizzas in the city—maybe the best outright."

San Francisco Magazine, January 2007: Glen Park is the subject of that month's Street Detail feature by Jeff Katz, under the title, "Small-Town Values." He gives a rundown of the local hangouts, shops and eateries. Residents of our "quaint down-home streets" are "folks who fight like pit bulls to keep Glen Park lovable." Some great photos accompany the article by Thomas Hawk. The whole collection can be seen on his web site; Google "Thomas Hawk Glen Park" and it will pop up.

In BudgetTravelOnline.com, Glen Park native Nina Willdorf writes of her periodic visits back home: "Glen Park is having quite a moment. In a city of impossibly quaint neighborhoods, Glen Park tops them all... I find this all bemusing and pretty exciting, as if a childhood friend were named host of the Today Show."

Three web sites have bloggers who must have no need for day jobs, as they are free to write long critiques about their particular preoccupations:

Burrito-eater.com rates La Corneta no.8 in the city, giving it 8.4 OMRs (Overall Mustache Ratings): "Anytime a burrito's this long and hefty, someone behind the counter is doing something right." The super chile relleno was

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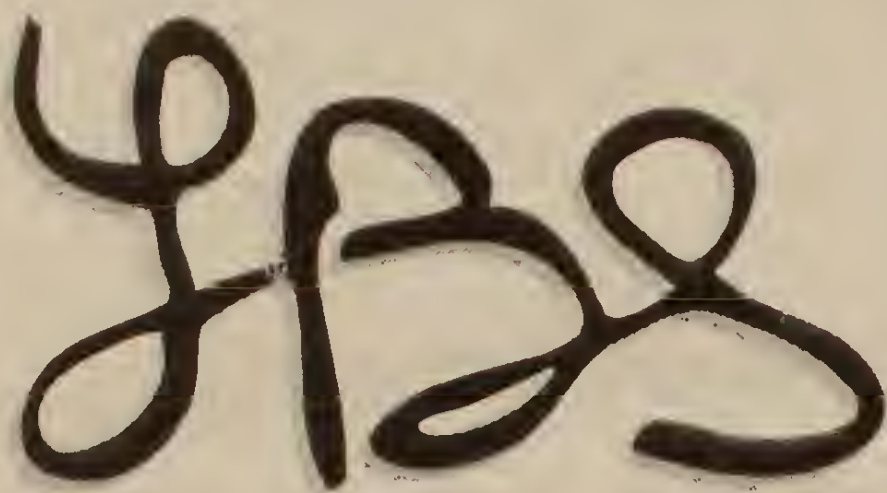
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Joe Schuver, owner of Destination Bakery, has always used locally grown produce whenever he could. The world is catching up with him.

Photo by Ellen Rosenthal

Baking Local on Chenery

If you're looking for an apricot pie that will make you rethink what the fruit tastes like, pop into Destination Baking Company sometime this July—though when exactly the coveted desserts will appear depends on Mother Nature.

by
Emma
Bland
Smith

Joe Schuver, owner of the seven-year-old bakery on Chenery Street, keeps a low profile about his commitment to local, seasonal products. But if you walk in asking for strawberry tartlets in December, he'll tell you to come back in June.

"The whole European model," explains Schuver, "is that you did stuff when it was seasonal as a way of celebrating the change of seasons, like, 'It's spring so we're going to have asparagus and strawberries.'"

He likes to tell interested customers about his special apricots as an example of how using locally grown produce can

bring back that excitement about the changing seasons.

"We get dried apricots directly from a farmer I know in Hollister—Gonzalez Farms. They're head and shoulders above the little, cheaper Turkish ones you usually see in the stores. The farm UPSes them to me once a month and we use them year-round in scones and Danish.

"Then," he continues, "there's an amazing three-week window in July when we can get the fresh ones." The transfer of fresh apricots from farmer to baker takes place in person, like a covert CIA operation, because these apricots, unlike the harder ones shipped cross-country, are ripe, soft and very delicate.

Sometimes Schuver will drive down to Hollister himself; other times someone from the farm will come up to the city or send the fruit with a friend. The resulting pies and tarts are worth the trouble.

"Other apricots don't have the

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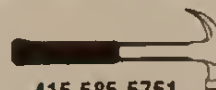
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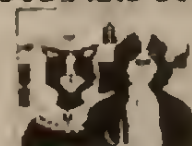
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A.F. Dissmeyer kept a lively saloon on the corner of Chenery Street where Tyger's now stands. He was a local character who lived in a still-standing house at 203 Surrey Street, from as early as 1895. As today, the intersection of Chenery and Diamond streets was the commercial hub of the neighborhood and, at some point, there have been bars on all four corners.

New Glen Park and Diamond Heights Book Joins "Images of America" Series

Glen Park will soon join the list of noteworthy cities and neighborhoods nation-

by
Bonnee
Waldstein

wide with the publication of *San Francisco's Glen Park and Diamond Heights*, by Glen Park News reporter Emma Bland Smith. The book

is one of the "Images of America" series from Arcadia Publishing, the country's largest publisher of books on local history. Its San Francisco collection has become ubiquitous in local bookstores, and includes titles on a number of residential neighborhoods including Noe Valley, Potrero Hill, West Portal, Sunset, Richmond and close to a dozen others.

Smith, a native San Franciscan, grew up in the Inner Sunset. She has lived in Miraloma Park with her husband Alex and their son Everett, 2, since 2005. A freelance writer, she also teaches French at Foothill College. One day she wondered why there was no book on Glen Park; Arcadia learned of her interest, and soon Smith was writing it herself.

The book traces our area from its earliest beginnings with the Ohlone Indians, and later the Spanish and Mexicans, to the present. Each chapter focuses on a different aspect of the development of Glen Park and Diamond Heights, from before the 1906

earthquake to the influx of European immigrants, the development of the Glen Park Terrace and Fairmont tracts by the Crocker Estate, the coming of the railroads and streetcars, the building of thoroughfares and mass transit, and everyday life as lived by current residents.

Smith has pieced together the story of our tiny neighborhood through research with City agencies and records, local historians and many long-time neighborhood residents.

The heart and soul of this journey through time, however, are the amazing and moving vintage photographs that Smith has amassed, many from private family albums, and her accompanying descriptions and explanations of each. We see Glen Canyon Park in its infancy, when developers had big ideas for using it to draw in prospective homebuyers, such as a beer garden. Some ideas were too big: an amusement park and zoo, not to mention Morro Castle, complete with moat. As an advertisement screamed in hyperbole, the Outsidelands of remote Glen Park were to be turned into:

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(No doubt this was the precursor to all those Pacific Union and Coldwell Banker postcards.)

In Smith's book, we see downtown Glen Park taking shape as a vibrant hub,

with a movie theater (the Glenodeon!), five-and-dime, ice cream parlor, volunteer fire department and several saloons. Dinky Line streetcars transported people about the area before owning a car was commonplace. Later on, a Safeway and a gas station stood at the site of the current Canyon Market. It was a working-class neighborhood. There were no Rockefellers or Kennedys—but there were the Tietzes, the Dissmeyers and the Bageteloses.

Also fascinating is the story of Diamond Heights, built from scratch on three hills—Red Rock, Gold Mine and Fairmount—in the expansive days of the 1970s when the city was eager to satisfy the housing needs of a growing population with a suburban-style, self-contained community.

There are photographs that are iconic in picturing the development of Glen Park: a free-flowing Islais Creek in Glen Canyon; a 1942 panorama from Martha Hill (now Dorothy Erskine Park) of sparsely placed homes; the timber trestle spanning Islais Creek at Diamond Street; the crossroads of Diamond and Chenery streets in 1908; the quiet life in pre-1950s Diamond Heights; the opening-day picnic of Mission Park and Zoo (now Glen Canyon Park); stone portals at the entrance to the Crocker Estate near the bottom of today's O'Shaughnessy Boulevard.

Despite the inevitable changes in the neighborhood over its more than 100 years, it is very striking, in looking at the pictures, that much of the original Glen Park is so recognizable. Houses perched on hillsides, friendly shopkeepers, families on picnics in the park, children playing in the street, are all quintessential images of our neighborhood, past and present.

San Francisco's Glen Park and Diamond Heights (\$19.99) will be published July 23. Emma Bland Smith will hold a reading and signing at Bird and Beckett Books; check the bookstore for the date. Copies may be pre-ordered. The book will also be available at other retailers. ■



Glen Canyon, pictured here in the 1880s, was much more open than it is today; the eucalyptus trees, planted by Adolph Sutro, who owned the canyon at one time, grew in later.

Summer Report from the Glen Park Apiary

It was nice to meet so many Glen Park and nearby neighbors at the Festival in April. It was even nicer to see and hear the interest in honeybees expressed by so many, especially when given the chance to view them up close through the observation hive I had on hand.

Many people who stopped by my booth had questions about the "disappearing" bee syndrome, officially referred to as "Colony Collapse Disorder" or CCD. There has been lots of media attention about CCD over the past few months, given that approximately 25 percent of the U.S. honeybee population has been lost since Fall 2006. Unfortunately, there are more questions than answers at this point. No common factor has emerged as a suspect.

Some San Francisco beekeepers, including me, lost honeybee colonies over the Winter under circumstances that fit the description of CCD. Yet, San Francisco has very little in common with the agricultural environments visited by migratory beekeepers and their bees who provide pollination service throughout the U.S. and who appear to be those most hard-hit by CCD. The most recent newsletter from Eric Mussen, a UC Davis entomologist and California's Cooperative Extension apiculturist, provides a concise, easy-to-read summary of the current theories and knowledge about CCD, online at <http://entomology.ucdavis.edu/faculty/mussen/MarApr2007.pdf>.

We in Glen Park are fortunate to enjoy a relatively high degree of biological diversity by virtue of the Canyon and Islais Creek. Glen Park is a great place for honeybees, as evidenced by reports from a number of people who visited my booth at the Festival to report sighting honeybee swarms around the neighborhood earlier in April. At least four swarms may have been sighted.

Contrary to popular misconception, a honeybee swarm is not dangerous. Swarming occurs when a honeybee colony has been so successful that it has outgrown its home. The individual members and the group are the gentlest they will ever be. Before swarming, the bees gorge on honey and store it in their honey sacks as a food reserve. Fat with honey, they are less active (like we feel when we overeat) and they have

no cache of honey, pollen and brood to protect and defend. Their key concern is to keep their queen warm and fed, in the center of the swarm, until they settle on a new home.

By the time swarming occurs, workers in the existing hive have already been growing a number of candidates to be the new queen. When swarming actually occurs, approximately one-half of the colony, along with the existing queen, leave the hive in search of a new home. Generally, the swarm will settle, temporarily, in one or two locations within 100 yards of the original hive while "scout" bees search out a new home.

Sometimes it can take a few days for a swarm to decide on a new home. Sometimes no decision is made and the bees begin to build a new nest of comb, exposed to the elements, from a tree limb or a tangle of branches. A number of local beekeepers are available to catch and remove swarms and ensure they are provided with a bee-appropriate home. They can be contacted through the SF Beekeepers' Association web site: <http://sfbee.org/swarms.html>.

Back at the original hive, the first candidate for new queen to emerge from her queen cell will kill all the other candidates, stinging them before they hatch. This virgin queen will then go on a series of mating flights during her first week of life and, hopefully, will mate with up to 20 drones. She will return to the hive, where she will stay for the rest of her life, laying eggs and perpetuating the colony unless her reign is as successful as her mother's. In that case she, too, will succumb to the natural urge of a successful colony to swarm. It is not unusual for a successful colony to swarm numerous times over the spring and summer.

Several people have asked about the new queen of my backyard hive, who hatched in January after I had found her mother queen dead. Unfortunately, in that chilly time of year, she was either unable to find any drones to mate with, or she never made it back to the hive from a mating flight. So the colony remained queenless, became dispirited and dwindled as the workers aged and died.

I was able to keep the Glen Park colony going through February and March by adding bee larva and pupae (brood) from my one surviving colony that I moved from the Mission

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Dolores neighborhood to my backyard. By April, the Mission Dolores survivor colony was preparing to swarm. I placed two frames with queen cells from that colony in my original backyard hive, which was still queenless and dwindling. (A hive typically consists of several frames, which hold the bees' honeycombs.)

I am happy to report that at the end of May, the Mission Dolores survivor colony had not swarmed, and the dwindling Glen Park colony had a new queen who was busily repopulating the colony.

Beekeeping provides daily reminders of the wonders of Nature, and how lucky we are in Glen Park to have so much nature so close-by. ■



Music at the Festival.

Photo by Liz Mangelsdorf



Miriam Moss at the "Everybody Wins" raffle booth at this year's Family Fun Fest.
Photo by Elizabeth Weise

Tireless Volunteer Produces Another Fabulous Fun Fest

They went through 400 hot dogs, 200 juice boxes, two baker's sheets of brownies, more than 300 toys and myriad balloons at this year's Family Fun Fest at Glen Canyon Park.

Held May 19, this was the seventh year for the popular neighborhood family event. Highlights included a bouncy house, balloon man, face painting, kids locking themselves in a police paddy wagon (and, more importantly, police officers letting them out) and, of course, lots of food.

The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department contributed the hot dogs, its famous popcorn machine and numerous workers. Lombardo's Café brought "two flats of the most delicious brownies in your life," said organizer Miriam Moss. She and others contributed 200 juice boxes, watermelons, grapes, strawberries, cookies, cupcakes, cobblers and pies.

Favorite with the under-8 crowd was Moss's famous "Everybody Wins!"

raffle. A single dollar (waived for any kid who didn't have one) got each and every entrant access to the huge bags of toys (kindly labeled with age-appropriateness) at the back of the Fun Fest tent.

"We had enough that we made sure everyone there had a prize," said Moss. Also raffled off were four Giants tickets, donated by Glen Park Rec Center director Bart Borg. The money raised from both raffles will go toward buying new materials for the kids' program at the Rec Center.

The low-key event drew families with kids over the course of several hours on a lazy, sunny Saturday. But the work behind it had gone on for many, many months. And the engine behind that work was Moss, an often unsung hero of Glen Park.

If you've enjoyed a picnic on the tables in the park, stopped to admire the tiles or mural by the playground, sniffed the flowers or perused the message board, you have Moss, a retired kindergarten teacher, to thank.

A tireless gadfly, Moss has long been involved in the neighborhood.

She first got involved in Glen Park because, as an avid tennis player, she was upset at the condition of the courts, which were virtually unplayable because of tree roots. An anonymous donation of \$1 million to the City just to fund tennis court renovations finally led to new courts in 1994.

When she retired from teaching in 2000, Moss decided she would spend some of her time working to improve the park. "I just really feel that if you live in a community, it's your responsibility to leave it a better place than you found it," she said.

She and Andrea O'Leary comprise the "Glen Park Advisory Board. They wrote the grant applications for almost all the little touches that keep the park from seeming run-down. The most recent, representing two years worth of work, is a set of decorative iron railings that will go around the picnic tables (another Advisory Board grant project). "They have arrived, but the iron workers are up at Camp Mather, so we're waiting for them to get back and install them," Moss said.

It's been an uphill battle due to Rec and Park cutbacks, rotating staff and an increasing focus on citywide programs, which has tended to diminish neighborhood interest of the programs at the City department, Moss says. And while there were once 15 people on the Glen Park Advisory Board, it's down to just the two of them. However, Moss said several people approached them at the Fun Fest about getting involved.

Moss does the plantings in the tiny garden at the Elk Street entrance to the park, as well as the butterfly garden and wine barrels. They used to do clean-ups several times a year, but "they finally said to me, 'We can't justify having a (paid) gardener on Saturday for only two or three people,' so we had to discontinue them," she said.

Moss doesn't just work in Glen Park. Sunnyside is another of her projects. "You ought to see the playground that's going in there. It's awesome. It's going to reopen probably the end of October."

When she moved to Glen Park in 1975, it was a very different neighborhood. Back in those days, the Rec Center had "tons" of after school programs, including dance classes and piano lessons, she remembers.

Moss taught for years in Daly City. Originally from Detroit, she came to San Francisco in 1964, settling first in Noe Valley. Back then "you could have gotten five parking spaces for every one you needed," she recalls. ■

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One: The unmistakable horn of a CalTrain as it passes through the Islais Creek channel area. Wagnerian. The pitches are an A major 7th chord in second inversion C#, E, G, A. (The rare freights' low Bb or Eb are too muffled or mixed.) Some newer Cal-

Train engines (or the coaches that have a pilot house in front) use yet another chord: C major triad in first inversion (E, G, C).

Two: The foghorn on the first pier of the Bay Bridge. Its "boop" is much more subtle and likely to be drowned out by ambient sound. Find its location in the Coast Guard web site, on the Light List. It's pitch is G (above middle C), lasting one second, at 30-second intervals.

Listen, my children, and you shall hear. ■

Three Restaurants

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there will be a Grand-Opening celebration, with the mayor and the City librarian and performers for the children. Watch for information on when (and photos of the new space as it evolves) in the branch.

The Final Act of the downtown shuffle will come a few months after the library opens. After Bird & Beckett moves to the old library space, Manhal Jweinat plans to begin work on a family style Italian restaurant in the old bookstore space.

Jweinat runs the Higher Grounds crepe shop but has long wanted to open a dinner restaurant as well. He owns the building the bookstore is in and already has the permits, but has been waiting until Whittington found the right place to move his store, however long it took.

"I didn't want to push him out, it's bad karma," he says. "So I waited. And I think it's all going to work out great."

Jweinat hails originally from Jordan, but moved to the Friuli region of Italy to study mosaic when he was a young man. After that he went to Milan, where he studied set design. While in school he worked in some of the best restaurants in Italy and in his 5-1/2 years there came to speak fluent Italian.

His restaurant will feature family style food, mostly in the Tuscan style. It will be "someplace you can bring your kids; I don't like fussy food," he says. He hopes to be open for dinner by January.

But don't fear, Higher Grounds is one local restaurant that isn't going anywhere. Jweinat will keep it open in the mornings and afternoons. "I've been here 25 years, since Feb. 22, 1982. So I won't close," he says. ■

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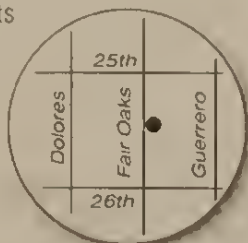
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BART

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The idea to develop the BART parking lot has its roots in the Glen Park Community Plan, a Planning Department project crafted four years ago that will serve as a blueprint for future development in the neighborhood.

BART Board member Tom Radulovich, who favors more intensive development of the parking lot site, said he also wants buy-in from the neighborhood. He said no specifics have been determined, and that there would be opportunity for a lot more community input before anything is decided.

One of the challenges in developing the site will be incorporating restrictions on developing the portion of the property under which Islais

Creek flows.

Radulovich, one of the city's most vocal champions of the Transit First policy, conceded that questions over parking would be one of the biggest issues on the table. Dufty said the scale of the project also would be a factor; he said neighborhood residents have made clear their desire to retain Glen Park's charm.

The property now is zoned for public use. Any plans to put housing or commercial enterprises on the site would require a zoning change, which would have to win approvals at City Hall. There also would have to be environmental studies, including a close look at the development's impact on parking and transportation in the area.

"It's a very long process," said Radulovich. ■



The oldest home in Glen Park. Water company records show the Tietz house was connected to the City's supply in 1872. Photo by Michael Waldstein

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The Tietz Family of Chenery Street

Behind an unruly Magnolia tree, next door to the (soon to be former) Glen Park Library, sits the oldest residence in Glen Park. The water department provides the most reliable evidence of the age of many houses in San Francisco, since so much documentation of actual construction dates was destroyed in the fire following the 1906 earthquake. The water was turned on at 657 Chenery St. in 1872.

Torr Tietz, a forty-something telecom businessman, is the current owner of the house that has always been in his family, beginning four generations ago with his paternal great-grandfather. Torr's father, Wilhelm, lived in the house with his wife, Val and Torr and his brother, Forrest. Wilhelm, of German ancestry, and Val, of Norwegian background, represent the mix of European immigrants that settled in early Glen Park.

Life in old Glen Park was far removed from the downtown hustle. Torr's grandmother carried milk cans up and down the hills, selling milk to the neighbors. His father raised chickens and horses, and kept cows in the basement, which had a dirt floor. Family lore has it that the cows helped keep the house warm!

Other structures on the property were a couple of chicken coops and a smokehouse. The Tietzes also owned an adjoining building, which had a hardware store and living quarters in the rear. The two buildings were connected and the family moved about between them.

Growing up in Glen Park, Torr recalls touch football on Wilder Street and games of hide and seek in Glen Canyon at night. As the family outgrew the original house, an addition was built behind it, on Wilder Street, in the 1970s. Torr lived at 657 Chenery until his mid-twenties, when he moved to Noe Valley. Fifteen years later, he came back to live with his mother, Val, through her illness and death in 2004. (Wilhelm

passed away in 1997.)

Many people in Glen Park knew Val Tietz as a wonderful friend, intelligent and giving, as well as an important neighborhood influence. Both Wilhelm and Val were strong believers

in education. Wilhelm was an architect; he was in the Army Corps of Engineers during World War II, and later worked for the federal government. Val stayed home to raise the family, but went back to school later on and got her bachelor's degree in anthropology from San Francisco State. Val's particular interest was the library, which

had been located in tiny quarters at Diamond Street and Kern Alley (the current pizza restaurant) before the 1970s. In order to have an adequate library for the

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neighborhood, the Tietz family offered the property adjoining their house to the City. Wilhelm designed the library down to the last detail. The hardware store was razed and the new library built in its place. The arrangement was that the family incurred the cost of building the library and the City pays rent on it. Today the archway that connected the house to the hardware store still remains between the house and the library, although the structures themselves are now separate.

Both the Tietz house and the library fill their lots from Chenery to Wilder streets. On the ground floor of the library building, more apparent on the Wilder side, is a two-bedroom, one-bath apartment.

Several months ago, Torr Tietz began a major renovation of the little old house. He has already completed the exterior, roof, seismic upgrades, and rebuilt two sides. The interior will soon be gutted and upgraded, with a new floor plan as well. In the meantime, Torr is living in the "new" Wilder Street addition.

With the Glen Park Library moving yet again, this time into its major new quarters on Diamond Street, the old library will gain a new tenant (see "Three Restaurants, a Bookstore and a Library, page 4). The Tietz family's special building will no doubt continue to provide a benefit to the community. ■



Unbeknownst to many, the City's ubiquitous red fire alarm boxes were mandated after the 1906 earthquake and are on their own, separate electrical and switching system. Photo by Ellen Rosenthal

Those Red Fire Alarm Boxes: One of a Series of (this time not so) Unusual Things about Glen Park

San Francisco's fire alarm boxes were installed in 1912 all over the city. It is a City policy to have a fire alarm box no more than two blocks from any residence, and in all public schools and all hospitals. Every city expansion since installation of the first boxes has been augmented to conform to this policy. School alarm boxes are indoors, to deter false alarms. And most home insurance companies give a discount for having a fire alarm box and a fire hydrant near you.

by
Dolan
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I was lucky enough to be shown the City's huge old yellowing maps with big red dots showing every one of the 2,400 boxes. Coincidentally, moments after I left the City Fire Alarm System (CFAS) office I chanced upon a painter redoing the box at Diamond and Chenery streets—it's a City project to renew them all.

Find the one nearest you and remember its location. They all work.

These boxes serve as an excellent back-up system of fire alarms. Just after the 1989 quake, the City's 911 phone system quickly became jammed—it doesn't do any good to have a cell phone, either; if nobody answers. However, the fire alarm boxes, on a set of completely different, non-overlapping circuits, suffered only one circuit outage; the rest came through perfectly. CFAS also has its own electrical generating system, not

dependent on PG&E or Hetch Hetchy. These boxes undergo frequent testing. They operate using a marvelous mechanical-electrical system that looks like a combination of a PG&E electric meter and an old brass telegraph key. The handle that you are instructed to "Pull in Emergency Only" activates the system, which sends a signal to the City's Central Fire Alarm System in the form of a sort of Morse Code. That, in turn, is translated into a digital signal and responded to by the Fire Department.

The following list of locations of these boxes in and around Glen Park was supplied by the City Fire Alarm System. (Some boxes have a blue police box attached, for SFPD use only).

The CFAS defines the Glen Park area's boundaries as Portola Drive from O'Shaughnessy Boulevard to Clipper, then along Diamond Heights Boulevard to Addison, past the fire station and down the hill to 30th and Chenery, to Arlington, across Miguel and Richland to Mission Street, up Bosworth (including a couple of blocks to the south) and O'Shaughnessy to Portola. ■

The story of the system and several interesting related articles can be found at www.sfmuseum.org/hist10/cfaspaper.html

Dolan Eargle is a long-time Glen Park resident.

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Arbor @ Conrad	Bosworth @ Chilton
Diamond Street @ Moreland	Arlington @ Randall
Diamond Street @ Sussex	Chenery @ Randall (inside Fairmount School)
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Destination Bakery

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flavor profile of these," he says, adding that the Royal Blenheim is an increasingly rare variety because of how hard it is to transport without bruising. Regular customers have come to look forward to their arrival: "People will come in and ask, 'Remember those apricot things you made last year?'"

Environmental concerns also play a part in the bakery's local-first stance. Yes, you can get strawberries in winter, Schuver says, but not only do they cost more and not taste as good, they also entail being shipped from Venezuela or Chile by gas-guzzling tankers or planes.

When you put all the factors together, he says, "It just doesn't make sense" not to eat locally when you can.

Destination Baking Company isn't 100 percent organic or local, but they make the effort whenever possible. They get their flour from Giusto's Specialty Foods Inc. in South San Francisco. Although the wheat probably comes from Utah or Montana, it's ground and packaged here and Schuver feels good about supporting a local business. He compromises about seasonality where he has to.

"If we only made blueberry muffins when we could get fresh local blueberries, well..." Customers wouldn't stand for it, is the implication.

So he buys high-quality frozen berries, with no sugar added, and bakes them into muffins every day of the year.

The human element, whether it's buying from people he knows or making sure everything is created in the bakery by himself and his staff, is what sets Destination apart from more commercial bakeries.

Ninety percent of the pastries you find in bakeries and supermarkets, he says, are shipped frozen to the location and simply popped into the oven

in the morning.

"My vendors are always telling me, 'We have great frozen croissants, why don't you just buy ours?' I tell them there's a reason mine taste so good. We make them here."

Labor Day will mark the bakery's seventh anniversary, and Schuver attributes much of their success to the neighborhood: "We couldn't do it without the support of the community. Glen Park is very supportive of small businesses, and I think a lot of people are glad this isn't another Starbucks."

Destination Baking Company has been in the news recently for its connection with a tiny, just-opened café in the Mission District called Mission Pie.

Schuver is a co-founder of the fledgling business, which sells organic pies made from fruit grown on Pie Ranch in Pescadero dedicated to "education and social change." The pies are put together by Mission High School students who are part of a unique program that involves working on the ranch and in the café.

Schuver has volunteered Destination's ovens, and bakes the pies

every morning. His involvement with the civic-minded project is just another example of his dedication to community and the local economy. ■

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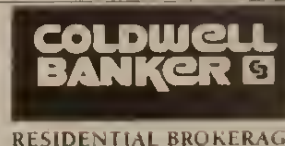
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A sign of the times (see story, page 4).

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Digging the Dirt: News from the Garden Club

As we wend our way to summer, there will be some great warm days and some very cold days.

by Our summer bloomers must be ready to take the cold, gray blasts that help define San

Francisco summers.

In my first years here, I decided I needed "freeway" plants to do well in our Candlestick wind. My many visits to the nurseries have improved on that idea.

The city's newest nursery is Flora Grubb's (yes, that's her real name). She recently moved her shop from Guerrero Street to Jerrold Avenue, near Third Street in the Bayview. There is parking, and the new T-Third light-rail line

is a short walk away. There also is a coffee bar, so visitors can make it a destination to linger a while.

When the owner spoke to the Glen Park Garden Club, she focused on plants that do not appear in common garden books. At her nursery, you will find many unusual plants that do well in our cool and windy microclimate.

Choose the right plants, and summer can mean welcome gifts of home-grown flowers. But blooms can have many meanings, imparted to us by Dave Stockdale of the Farmers Market. Since ancient times, plants and flowers have been used to convey specific intentions. Meanings blossomed in Victorian times, but originally they came from ancient mythology. Knowing the messages flowers convey can add to the experience of them.

Our weed-like flowers—forget-me-nots and violets—symbolize love: true love and pure love, to be precise. Borage is great as an herb-with-a-message: bluntness. Calla lily means magnificent beauty. Rosemary—easy to grow in Glen Park—means remembrance. Lemons, another Glen Park favorite, convey zest for life!

Their meaning is patriotic, so your Fourth of July table or salad should include some nasturtiums. Rose-scented geraniums say, "I prefer you." Ivy means

friendship, and in strands it means marriage. Foxglove is poisonous to eat but signifies insincerity. Hydrangea is too boastful—maybe size has something to do with that!

It wouldn't be summer without the usual suspects coming to gorge on

our well-tended plants. We have squirrels, possums, gophers, rats, skunks and raccoons. Humane traps are available at Critter Fritters in Glen Park. Just don't set the animals free anywhere near Glen Canyon Park. On the other hand, bees are critters we want to keep, but the honey bees in Glen Park seem to be undergoing the same decline as they are throughout

the nation. Bees help flowers and veggies produce more, helping many of our gardeners grow organically.

Susan Evans is a member of the Glen Park Garden Club. E-mail her at ske1@pachell.net.

You May Already Have A Night Alarm System

At last, one of those "forward-this-to-everybody" e-mails that actually may be useful—at least if your car has an alarm. These tips supposedly came from a neighborhood watch coordinator:

Keep your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear noises outside or sounds of someone trying to break into the house, just press the panic button for your car, setting off the alarm. To which we add: To avoid incensed neighbors, it's probably smart to first make sure there's an actual miscreant out there and not, say, a raccoon.

Unobtrusively carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot or public garage. If you're threatened, trigger the car alarm.

On Patrol in Glen Park

Glen Park continues to enjoy a reputation as one of the safest neighborhoods in San Francisco. Nevertheless, we are not without crime here and it is always in our best interest to review the statistics, analyze the type and frequency of the crimes, and develop a plan to respond as citizens.

by
Officer
Michael
Walsh

I recently visited the "Crime Maps" feature on the San Francisco Police Department pages of the www.sfgov.org web

site. Anyone can visit the site, follow the prompts and access crime statistics from anywhere in the city. I reviewed the crime reports for the 90 days preceding May 25, 2007 and found that 89 crimes were committed in the half-mile radius surrounding Diamond and Moffitt streets—an area that includes Glen Park and small parts of the Diamond Heights, Upper Noe Valley, Sunnyside and St. Mary's Park neighborhoods.

The overwhelming majority of crimes were those against property, including 13 burglaries, 42 thefts (most from autos), 18 reports of malicious mischief (including three graffiti offenses) and 15 vehicle thefts. Crimes against persons, which are higher-priority responses by the Police Department, included three robberies (all bodily force, no weapons) and two assaults, both non-aggravated. Narcotics offenses accounted for only three of the reports.

By comparison with neighborhoods of similar demographics, a search of Noe Valley returned 142 reported crimes; and Bernal Heights residents were victimized 148 times during the same period. The mix of crimes was similar in both, though with a greater preponderance of crimes against persons, specifically domestic violence and robbery.

More than half of the burglaries in Glen Park—seven—were listed as "unlawful entry," including one "hot prowl." That indicates that the suspects entered through unlocked doors or windows. Unlike what you see in the movies, most burglars just walk right in when we leave our homes unsecured. Most burglars are amateur opportunists with no other talent than to turn a knob or spot an open window, especially the ones near service entrances or backyards.

A review of thefts from cars indicates that the thieves concentrated on loose property and currency visible in

the vehicle rather than stripping CD players or speakers. Again, opportunists will simply "crash, snatch and dash" anything of value they see through your car window.

As I patrol in Glen Park and Noe Valley, I often come upon a vehicle with a broken window and glass all over the street or curb. I can't tell you how many times a neighbor has greeted me saying, "I saw the guy break it and run. I didn't know whose car it was so I didn't call."

Please, take the time to call the police when you see a crime in progress. You don't need to intervene; you simply need to give us a description of the vehicle, suspect, possible stolen items and a direction of travel. Given this information, responding officers will search a radius near the location. We are very successful in making arrests of this type when someone takes the time to call.

Speaking of calling the police, I recently responded to a robbery on Sussex Street. I was literally two blocks away when I received the call and arrived in a matter of seconds. Unfortunately, the caller had used a cell phone to dial and was not aware that in most cases, especially in a hilly area such as Glen Park, cell phone calls to 911 are transferred to the SFPD dispatcher via the California Highway Patrol dispatch center in Sacramento. This is a cumbersome and inefficient process, is time consuming and results in inaccurate information being relayed. As a result, the victim and witnesses waited 10 minutes for me to arrive, long after the suspect had fled. ■

San Francisco Police Department Officer Michael Walsh lives and works in Glen Park.

How to Avoid Delays in Cell Phone Calls to 911

To eliminate time-wasting routing of information through the CHP center in Sacramento, program your cell phone to dial 553-8090 in emergencies, the direct line to San Francisco's 911 dispatcher. This number is only for San Francisco. If you're out of town regularly, call local police departments and ask for their 911 direct numbers for your cell phone. Most are happy to comply.

Locals Making Local Food

Business is growing steadily for Canyon Market, at a rather astonishing rate. Though at the beginning there were some unpleasant reviews on Yelp, the store has filled the gaping holes and ironed out many of the flaws. It recently received a call from the online service offering promotional opportunities due to the store's now warm reception.

With pressure from the community mounting, Canyon Market opened its doors while it still had loose ends to address. The shelves were not full and most items did not have price tags. Those that did were marked up too high, and many did not scan at the register.

Customers did not even know who to make their checks out to because there wasn't a sign to identify the location.

The vast majority of customers were patient and understanding, but many (along with employees) were dismayed at the prices. It was not uncommon for one person on the floor to overhear on average three complaints each day. So, we went to work each day pulling products from the shelf one by one, aisle by aisle over the course of at least two months to correct the problem.

Each day we wheeled carts of products to the back office to adjust their price. Owners Richard and Janet Tarlov had to squeeze through the doorway to get inside. When the prices were reduced, the customers' complaints diminished as well.

The deli was impressive from the start. There is a colorful array of food lined up dish by dish in the case, with many workers doing prep work in the back. In many large supermarkets, deli foods are made in factories and come in five-gallon buckets, and bread dough comes frozen from a plant far away, to be baked on premises. But at the Canyon Market, everything but the dolmas are done in house.

In the mornings, when business was slow, it seemed excessive to have so much labor on board. But by 4 or 5 p.m., the store was teeming with customers, some wanting to convince the other guests at the dinner party they were going to that they prepared the pre-made food themselves, or simply wanting to feed themselves or their family.

The head buyer left early on and was replaced by Raphael from Bi-Rite. Because of him, the shelves began to fill with more of the essentials as well as delicious specialty products. And as

a general rule, buyers are responsive to customer requests.

Still, in the first few months of business, there were too few cashiers. The line would sometimes stretch to the end of the deli case. Eventually, we adopted the "ding" method of calling for more

service, via a silver bell. Many customers would smile when the "Lane Closed" sign was removed and they were invited to be checked out.

Opening a business is a stressful endeavor, and Richard and Janet, remained busy. Richard often had a serious expression on his face, and at first I felt that I should act accordingly in his presence. But he surprised me with his unlikely sense of humor.

For example, he once authoritatively told a cashier that she could "not leave the premises" for her lunch break. Janet added that she could only eat food bought from the store. Richard immediately broke into a grin, to the cashier's relief.

So it seems Canyon Market is off to an excellent start. Customers consistently remark about how glad they are that the store is in the neighborhood, and how lovely it looks. To me, the customer service feels like a community service, especially as faces become more familiar and I recognize the basic need that is being filled through offering a place to buy food. Though the sign is still not yet up, most people now know they are in Canyon Market when they enter its doors. ■

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In Glen Canyon Park

It has been an exciting spring in Glen Canyon Park. The great horned owls nested in a eucalyptus at the fork of Alms Road and the continuation of the Bosworth Spur.

by
Jean
Conner

For three weeks one or two of the three owlets could easily be seen from Alms Road. If you stood on the rim of the Canyon across from Arbor Street with binoculars you could see all three owlets in the nest.

Nancy Worthen reported finding the red-tailed hawks' nest with three downy chicks. This year's nest is in the middle of a grove of eucalyptus. The branches of the surrounding trees made it hard

to see. The young red-tailed hawks will be leaving the nest in June and learning to hunt by following the adult birds. The young birds are noisy. I wonder how successful the parents' hunt will be with a noisy youngster tagging along.

Some scat was found and identified as coyote scat on one of the work parties above the seep. There were reports of coyotes being seen by early morning dog walkers at the north end of the Canyon. Richard Craib's neighbor on the rim of the canyon reports coming home from work at 2 a.m. and finding two coyotes sitting on his porch. What next? Already someone has reported a mountain lion.

A smaller animal was a highlight of the Spider Walk on April 1. It was a bright yellow crab spider. Mary Huizinga had found this spider on Wednesday before the walk. It was still in the same spot on Sunday for all the spider fans to see.

Every spring is different in the Canyon. This year the pink-flowering currants and the western columbine were especially beautiful. Both of these native plants are good choices for San Francisco gardens.

The flowers of the western columbine are scarlet, tinged with yellow. They consist of five petal-like sepals and five funnel-shaped petals called spurs. Each spur is tipped with nectar. Hummingbirds coming for the nectar become the major pollinator of columbine.

The name "columbine" is believed to come from the Latin word for dove, "Columba." The five sepals resemble a circle of doves drinking. The generic name for columbine, "Aquilegia," may have come from the Latin "Aquila" for eagle since the spurs resemble the talons of an eagle.

Western columbine was believed to no longer be found in San Francisco. Greg Garr was exploring the area once called Fox Meadow in the Canyon when he found two plants in an area overgrown with shrubs and poison oak. Later the area was renamed "Columbine Enclave." The columbine has become the logo image for the Friends of Glen Canyon Park.

I hope you have many pleasant walks in the Canyon this summer and make many discoveries. Listen for the olive-sided flycatcher singing, "Drink three beers." Look for the Bullock's orioles nesting in the Canyon. AND remember to put on your mosquito repellent.

Found in Glen Canyon

Mammals

California ground squirrel (*Spermophilus beecheyi*)

California meadow vole (*Microtus californicus*)

Coyote (*Canis latrans*)

Pocket gopher (*Thomomys bottae*)

Raccoon (*Procyon lotor*)

Red Fox (*Vulpes vulpes*)

Striped skunk (*Mephitis mephitis*)

Virginia opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*)

Sensitive Bird Species

Red-tailed hawks (*Buteo jamaicensis*)

Great horned owls (*Bubo virginianus*)

Wilson's warbler (*Wilsonia pusilla*)

Hutton's vireo (*Vireo huttoni*)

Bullock's orioles (*Icterus bullockii*)

Bandtailed pigeon (*Columba fasciata*)

Olive-sided flycatcher (*Contopus cooperii*)

Whitecrowned sparrow

Towhees

California quail (*Callipepla californica*)

Pygmy nuthatch (*Sitta pygmaea*)

Sensitive plants:

San Francisco gumplant (*Grindelia hirsutula* var. *maritima*)

Leafy daisy (*Erigeron foliosus*)

Red columbine (*Aquilegia formosa*)

Pacific reed grass (*Calamagrostis nutkanaensis*)

Yellow-eyed grass (*Sisyrinchium californicum*)

Climbing bedstraw (*Gallium porrigens*)

Silk tassel bush (*Garrya elliptica*)

Spiny redberry (*Rhamnus crocea*)

Alumroot (*Heuchera micrantha*) occurs at

Purple owl's clover (*Castilleja exserta* ssp. *exserta*)

Bitter cherry (*Prunus emarginata*)

Coastal black gooseberry (*Ribes divaricatum*)

stonecrop (*Sedum spathulifolium*)

Johnny-jump-up (*Viola pedunculata*)

Butterflies protected by the

Endangered Species Act:

San Bruno elfin butterfly (*Incisalia mossii bayensis*)

San Francisco silverspot butterfly (*Speyeria callippe callippe*)

Source: Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan



Western Columbine.

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Glen Park Is ...

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praised for, among other qualities, being "relatively burstage-free."

Yelp.com has a page, "Glen Park Does Exist," which encourages people to venture beyond the 24th Street BART station and discover what Glen Park has to offer. Canyon Market is "a financially stable hippie's best friend." The Cheese Boutique's homemade hummus is extolled: "The most important ingredient... was a kiss to his wife the morning he awakes to begin his hummus making preparation."

Tyger's "is just a place to get a meal, hot, quick and with no bells and whistles. This is exactly why I love it." At the Glen Park Station bar, "Kindness, as well as drunkenness, abound here."

CoffeeRatings.com is a site for aficionados, nay, fanatics, who obsess over every detail that goes

into their cup of java, from the aroma and brightness of the brew to the barista, the equipment and the coffee cup itself.

Tops in Glen Park, and seventh overall in the whole city (rating: 8.0) is Café Bello. It's a "quiet, artisan café"—the coffee is "rather rich and pungent, with an edge of cloves. There is a mellow mixture of additional flavors: slightly sweet of vanilla, a hint of cardamom, and even some turpeny elements."

Who knew? And what does "turpeny" mean?

Testimonials aside, many of us are just happy to describe Glen Park as "home."

■

Bonnee Waldstein has lived in Glen Park for 22 years and says this

is the first time her neighborhood has ever been trendy.

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Shedding Light on Power Outages

Daytime power failures that affected Glen Park and several other neighborhoods April 26 and 27 left residents in the dark, figuratively if not literally.

by
Denis
Wade

"We're on the 100-200 block of Sussex and have just lost power for the 3rd time this week—anybody know what's up with that?" Katherine asked us in an e-mail that Friday afternoon. "Can't get through to PG&E to ask them," she added.

Reaching an actual human at PG&E is simple when you know how (see below), and after repeated calls to our human we finally got answers.

That Thursday morning a contractor working in the Visitacion Valley area dug into an underground distribution cable, cutting electricity to 28,000 customers across a broad swath of the city.

Most Glen Park customers had power restored in about 30 minutes. Next day (after residents had reset their flashing clocks) a transformer failed.

No direct connection, said PG&E's representative, but maybe a "delayed reaction," which left Glen Park without power for well over an hour Friday afternoon.

When Katherine got through to a live person at PG&E Friday she was told there'd been a transformer problem. But her husband's computer power supply was dead so she persisted.

"I talked with another PG&E employee who told me that if you have anything that is broken or needs to be replaced due to the outage, you can make a claim to PG&E for it," she said.

The utility's automated phone system, at 800-743-5000, can tell you the expected duration of a power failure. But if you want to talk with a live person at PG&E, the excellent web site gethuman.com spells out this procedure: "At prompt say 'Operator'; at prompt say 'Yes'; at prompt say 'Operator'; at prompt say 'Yes.'" It worked in April.

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Rediscover St. Luke's

The Police Beat

SFPD Officer Mike Walsh reports
that, compared with other areas of the

by
Denis
Wade

city, our neighborhood
continues to be relatively
crime-free (see "On Patrol
in Glen Park," page 15).
Information the *Glen
Park News* obtains from

the daily incident reports e-mailed by
Ingleside Station's commander, Capt.
Paul Chignell, seems to confirm Walsh's
conclusion.

But a press photographer who lives
on the 2700 block of Diamond Street
found out the hard way that the e-mails
tell only part of the story. When her locked
car was broken into in front of her house
and all her camera gear was stolen, she
made a police report online. When the
crime didn't appear in the Ingleside Sta-
tion e-mail for that day, *Glen Park News*
Deputy Editor Rachel Gordon called
Capt. Chignell to find out why.

The surprising answer: Reports
made online do not show up in the daily
crime log. "Which means we never hear
about a lot of crimes in our neighbor-
hood," Gordon said. Moreover: "Capt.
Chignell said the station doesn't hear
about them either.

"I find the whole system quite
problematic," Gordon concluded. "On
one hand, SFPD urges people to report
crimes online. On the other hand, that
provides a skewed picture of what's
happening in the districts."

Following are the incidents in Glen
Park, block by block, that were reported
in the Ingleside Station e-mails since our
last issue.

Arbor Street

First block, 5/25: Theft from locked
vehicle.

Arlington Street

400 block, 3/15: Stolen 1988 Nissan.

Beacon Street

100 block, 4/19, 7 am: Burglary at
construction site; plumbing equipment
taken.

Bemis Street

100 block, 4/29, 11:42 am: Officers
Danielle Weidman and Michael Wibun-
sin went to a home where an adult son
had allegedly been harassing his mother,
threatening to kill her and acting in a
bizarre manner. The officers arrested the
suspect on a criminal threats charge as
well as a misdemeanor warrant.

Bosworth Street

600 block, 3/30, 9:30 am-5:30 pm: Bur-

glary, rear door, computer taken.

900 block, 5/25: Fraud

@ Lippard, 4/30, 3:52 am: Officer
Peterkent DeJesus stopped a vehicle for
a stop sign violation. The driver, who
lives on 44th Avenue, was unlicensed.
She was cited and her 2004 Honda was
towed.

@ Rousseau, 5/20, 1:09 pm: Officer
Jose Lopez stopped a vehicle for a stop
sign violation. The driver, who lives
on Surrey Street, was driving with a
suspended license. She was cited and
her 2003 Mazda was towed.

Chenery Street

200 block, 5/6: Malicious mischief.

600 block, 5/13: Breaking windows.

@ Randall, 5/27, 8:55 am: Officer Wil-
liam McCarthy checked on the well
being of a person prone on the grounds
of Fairmount Elementary School. The
subject, who is homeless, was wanted
on a theft warrant.

Diamond Street

2400 block, 3/27: Theft by prostitute.

2400 block, 4/14, 10am: Sgt. James
Miller, Officer Jessie Ortiz and Offi-
cer Rich Morgante went to an address
where a man had struck a woman and
brandished a knife after a dispute over
the woman refusing to have sex with
the man. The suspect was cited for two
offenses.

2800 block, 3/29: Theft of alcohol, toilet
paper, flowers.

2800 block, 5/10: Shoplifting.

2900 block, 3/8 or 3/9: Breaking windows.

2900 block, 3/30: Fraud.

@ Chenery, 3/27, 2:19 pm: A business
owner advised Officers Jessie Ortiz and
Amalia Barcena that a suspect associ-
ated with a nearby van may have been
involved in recent shoplifting incidents.
The suspect, who lives on 22nd Street,
was wanted on a no-bail warrant for a
public nuisance crime. A second sus-
pect, with no permanent local address,
was found secreted inside the van and
was wanted on a narcotics parapherna-
lia warrant from Oakland. The van was
determined to be stolen from Hayward
so the main suspect was charged with
auto theft as well.

@ Wilder, 3/10: Six suspects going
through a bag.

@ Wilder, 5/11, 4:19 pm: Officer Wendy
Bear stopped a driver who was on his
cell phone and almost hit her police
car. A warrant check revealed he was
wanted on a warrant for solicitation of
prostitution.

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Howard Reinstein

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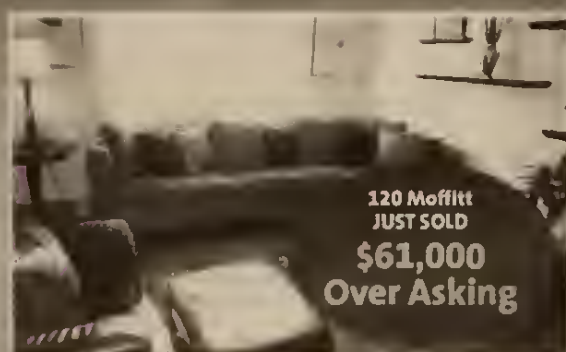
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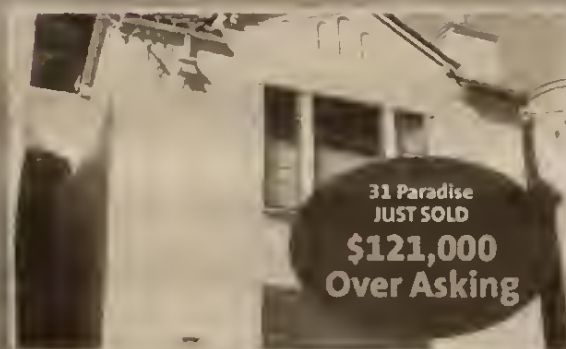
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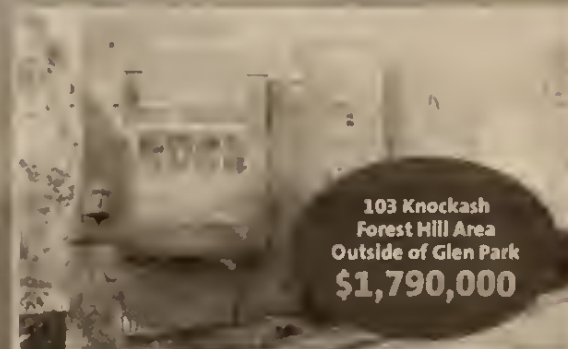
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Cars line up to drop electronic and recyclable trash at a clean-up day held at St. John's School. The yearly event is sponsored by the San Francisco Clean City Coalition, SF Environment and the Department of Public Works among others.

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Gigantic 3 Recycling Program Collects Tons of Unwanted Stuff from Neighborhood

A steady parade of residents—in cars, pickups and on foot—passed through St. John's School yard on Chenery Street Saturday morning, May 12,

taking advantage of an

by
Denis
Wade

opportunity to dispose of unwanted stuff that ranged from household batteries and fluorescent bulbs to used motor oil

to major appliances, mattresses and other bulky items that are often hard to get rid of.

Goodwill was there to accept usable items in good condition, like clothes and furniture. Norcal Waste Systems provided three huge debris boxes (hence "Gigantic 3") and replaced them during the morning as they were filled. The City's Department of the Environment handled hazardous wastes and provide recycling information. The nonprofit Clean City Coalition coordinated the Gigantic 3 event, which rotates among the city's supervisorial districts and takes place once a year in each district. Residents are asked to bring items only

to collections in their own district; ID may be checked if lines get too long!

If you missed the 2007 Gigantic 3 collection, you still have many junk-disposal options.

- All San Francisco residents can order one annual free home collection of toxic and hazardous materials, from paint to electronics; call 330-1405 or visit sfhazwaste.com for more information.

- Bulky items too big for your black cart, including electronics, can be picked up twice a year at no cost; to schedule a pickup, call 330-1300 or visit sfrecycling.com.

- Old TVs, computers and other electronics can be turned in once a month, at no charge, with no neighborhood residency restrictions, thanks to a new Clean City program. Their web site, www.sfcleancity.com, will have dates and locations; in a few months they'll post the 2008 Gigantic 3 schedule.

Note that these services are available only to San Francisco residents—homeowners or renters. ■

Police Beat

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@ Bosworth, 4/28, 10:45 pm: A 17-year-old victim was riding in the back of a Muni bus when four suspects acting together began to harass the victim. One of the suspects was repeatedly slashing one of the seats with a knife. The suspects demanded the victim's hat, cell phone and Ipod, to which the victim complied due to fear. The suspects then directed the victim to exit the bus at the rear door. Instead the victim ran to the front of the bus yelling. The suspects fled the bus at Silver and Congdon according to the bus driver. Officers Joseph Kavanagh and Michael Wibunsin broadcast a description of the suspects. Sgt. Chris Pedrini and Officer Kevin Horan spotted the suspects during another altercation at Mission and Geneva. Three suspects were identified as the robbers and were arrested for robbery and conspiracy.

@ Bosworth, 5/13: Lost cell phone at Glen Park BART station.

Elk Street

@ Chenery, 3/15, 6:44 pm: Officer Darren Wong stopped a vehicle for a stop sign violation. The driver, who lives in San Mateo, was driving with a suspended license. He was cited and his 1983 Datsun was towed.

@ Chenery, 5/23: Found 1990 Toyota.

Hamerton Avenue

100 block, 4/28, 9:30 pm: Accidental gunshot; numerous weapons confiscated for safekeeping.

Lippard Street

10 block, 4/20: Stolen license plate.

@ Joost, 4/20, 6:25 pm: Strongarm robbery, purse taken.

Miguel Street

First block, 4/19, 7 am: Burglary, access through door, tools taken.

Roanoke Street

10 block, 4/11: Stolen 1988 Toyota

Surrey Street

@ Diamond, 5/17 or 5/18: Theft from locked vehicle.

Sussex Street

10 block, 5/22, 8:15 am: Robbery, pursesnatch; suspect escaped in vehicle; officers have good lead on suspect.

200 block, 4/5: Theft from locked vehicle.

Glen Canyon Park

3/13: Threats. ■

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Real Estate in Glen Park

Glen Park's housing market remains strong, with prices holding steady.

by Vince Beaudet
Since the beginning of the year, we have seen unprecedented demand from buyers looking to call the neighborhood home. With a lack of homes on the market, we are once again seeing multiple offers for those properties that are listed for sale.

Following are the 22 single-family homes sold in Glen Park since our previous issue, and the average asking and selling prices:

<u>Address</u>	<u>List Price</u>	<u>Sold Price</u>
280 Arlington	\$829,000	\$955,000
39 Arbor	\$1,199,000	\$1,179,000
1231 Bosworth	\$659,000	\$639,000
446 Chenery	\$690,000	\$690,000
942 Chenery	\$1,449,000	\$1,413,000
999 Chenery	\$750,000	\$793,000
2734 Diamond	\$1,095,000	\$1,195,000
1763 Dolores	\$649,000	\$710,000
46 Digby	\$949,000	\$1,950,000
39 Farnum	\$829,000	\$900,000
43 Fairmount	\$795,000	\$868,000
152 Hamerton	\$989,000	\$1,080,000
196 Lippard	\$1,195,000	\$1,150,000
120 Moffitt	\$879,000	\$940,000
218 Miguel	\$1,249,000	\$1,350,000
211 Miguel	\$699,000	\$710,000
64 Nordhoff	\$625,000	\$680,000
130 Randall	\$1,149,000	\$1,179,000
178 Randall	\$1,195,000	\$1,275,000
145 Swiss	\$760,000	\$900,000
160 Swiss	\$950,000	\$910,000
36 Sussex	\$1,095,000	\$1,200,000
Average	\$940,000	\$1,030,000

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San Francisco Services

Abandoned Cars	553-9817
Building Inspection Info	558-6088
Bus Shelters (repair/clean)	882-4949
District 8 Supervisor Bevan Dufty	554-6968
Garbage (oversized item pickup)	330-1300
Graffiti Hotline	28-CLEAN
Mobile Assistant Patrol (MAP)	431-7400
(Homeless Outreach/Transportation)	
Mobile Crisis Team	355-8300
(Mental Health)	
Muni Information	673-6864
Muni Complaint/Compliment	923-6164
Parking Enforcement	553-1200
Police (non emergency)	553-0123
Potholes	695-2100
Rent Stabilization Board	252-4600
Street Construction Complaints	554-7222
Street Lighting	554-0730
Tree Problems	695-2165
Towed Cars	553-1235
Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services	www.sfgov.org/mons

Stay in Touch With Your Neighbors

The Glen Park Association hosts a free electronic mail list open to all Glen Park residents. It is moderated by membership coordinator Heather World and consists of a weekly calendar and news update, with very occasional late-breaking news stories and police updates. To subscribe, send e-mail to glenparkassociation-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Also, don't forget the Glen Park Association web site, which is updated periodically: www.glenparkassociation.com

Other neighborhood lists include:

Ingleside Police Station Crime Report

Straight from the desk of Capt. Paul Chignell
Send e-mail to Paul.Chignell@sfgov.org to subscribe.

Glen Park Parents

A medium-traffic list with over 350 families in Glen Park and environs. Moderated and spam-free. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/glenparkparents/>

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Exercise, Environment and Economy Motivate Award-Winning Glen Park Cyclist

Glen Park's Marvin Johnson, a 62-year-old architect, recently was named "Bike

Commuter of the Year for San Francisco" by the Bay Area Bicycle Coalition. The Laidley Street resident commutes between

his home and downtown office.

The bike coalition had this to say about Johnson: "Marvin's commitment to preserving the environment extends beyond using his bike. He encourages his colleagues at work to recycle their leftover lunch scraps in the compost bin he has designated for the purpose. At the end of the day, Marvin packs the leftover food in his bicycle saddlebags and deposits it at home into his garden's compost pile."

"Dubbed by a friend as a true 'poster boy' for a green lifestyle, Marvin's passion for San Francisco, his community and the environment has inspired all who know him."

Johnson's wife, Marilyn Day, proudly told the *Glen Park News* of her husband's honor. She described him as "one of the agile old."

We caught up with him and asked about his life as an urban cyclist.

Glen Park News: What is the route of your commute? And how long does it usually take?

Marvin Johnson: It takes me approximately a half-hour, and the majority of my route is on Valencia Street and Market Street. I take Laidley to 30th Street, to Noe, to Day, to Valencia, to Market, to Grant, to 222 Sutter.

GPN: Do you commute by bike in the rain?

MJ: I will ride if light rain is predicted, but not heavy rain.

GPN: What kind of bike do you ride? Do you use any special gear and/or clothing?

MJ: I have a Trek 7200 Multitrack commuter-style bike. No, I wear jeans and sweat shirt. I have waterproof pants and jacket for the rain.

GPN: How old were you when you first rode a bike? Did you start with a trike?

MJ: I first rode a bike when I was 9 or 10, but stopped when I was 12 or 13. I grew up on a farm in North Dakota with gravel roads, which was not a great

place to ride a bike. I don't remember a trike, but [I] probably [had one].

GPN: What are your top three tips for riding in San Francisco?

MJ: Wear a helmet. Ride defensively. Obey the laws about bike riding.

GPN: Do you participate in Critical Mass?

MJ: No

GPN: Have you ever been in a bike accident?

MJ: One. Without signaling, someone turned right in front of me, which forced me to slam on my brakes and I went over the bike. No serious injury. I cracked a bone in my wrist that took about six months to completely heal. About a week after the accident I was able to start riding to work again.

GPN: Why would you recommend biking to others?

MJ: Good Exercise. Save the environment. Save money on commuting. ■



Youngster enjoying the fire engine at the Glen Park Festival.

Photo by Liz Mangelsdorf

Alert Canyon Market Staff Helps Police Nab Thief

On March 24, a man identified as Jabari Jackson walked into the Canyon Market and picked out over \$100 worth of liquor but when staff offered to help him check out he told them he had forgotten his money.

Two days later, employees say, Jackson came back to the store without the staff noticing, picked up a similar amount of liquor, put it in one of the market's carry baskets and without paying walked out to his van, which was parked in front of the store.

However, a store employee who was standing at the bus stop in front of Le P'tit Laurent noticed him and ran into the store to alert her co-workers. But by the time they got outside he had driven off.

Apparently sensing more opportunity, though, Jackson came back again the next day. An employee immediately recognized him and owner Richard Tarlov followed the man out to his van: "I was chatting with him when a squad car came by. The police punched in his data and it turned out the van was stolen and there was a warrant out for his arrest."

Officers found a woman hiding in the van who was also wanted on an arrest warrant. They also found narcotics paraphernalia.

The case was turned over to the Burglary Detail of the San Francisco Police Department. The unit tracks organized retail theft, which is such a serious problem in the city that they created a group specifically to work on the problem.

"This guy was known at other stores; they had him on video at Mollie Stone's," said Tarlov. "Then the District Attorney's office got involved and really pushed it because in this case they had more evidence than they usually do, eyewitnesses and videotape."

In court, Jackson agreed to a plea bargain; his theft-related felonies were dropped to misdemeanors and he was sentenced to six months of jail time and three years probation. He also has a 150-yard stay-away order at Canyon Market and was ordered to pay restitution to all the victims.

While it may not seem like much, Tarlov said it's a big deal to the police,

Pilates Studio Offers Classes

With all the new restaurants getting ready to open in the village, it's only

right that we also get another space to work

by Elizabeth Weise off some of those excellent meals. Center Body

Pilates opened in May at 648 Chenery St. It is the second pilates studio opened by Oona Nelson, who lives in Glen Park, and Avenne McBride. The friends also run a small pilates studio on Potrero Hill.

The studio features small classes and private one-one sessions with the teachers. Classes are available in the morning, at midday and in the evening.

Pilates (puh-LA-tez) is a system of exercise developed by Joseph Pilates in 1926. It blends exercises from dance and yoga with work on posture, alignment and strength. ■

who told him "normally these guys walk." Police officers actually came by the store to thank the staff because it's so difficult to get enough evidence to prosecute. ■

Community Calendar

Glen Park Association

Quarterly meetings are held on the second Tuesday in January, April, July and October at 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome, members and non-members alike. Annual membership dues of just \$10 support the Association's important work on behalf of the neighborhood.

Next meeting: Tue, July 31, 7:30 pm, St. John's School, 925 Chenery St.

Friends of Glen Canyon Park

Meetings and Plant Restoration Work Parties: Third Saturday of each month, 9 am–noon. Next dates: June 16, July 21, Aug. 18, Sep. 18. Meet behind the Recreation Center. Tools, gloves and instruction provided. Learn about botany and ecology, exercise your green thumb, enjoy entertaining camaraderie or examine public-lands management issues.

Weekly Work Parties: Every Wednesday, 9 am–noon. For the current week's meeting place contact Richard Craib, 648-0862.

To join Friends of Glen Canyon Park or learn more about their activities, contact Richard Craib at 648-0862 or Jean Conner at 584-8576.

SFPD Community Forums

Third Tuesday of each month, 7 pm, Ingleside Police Station, John Young Way off San Jose Avenue. All residents are encouraged to participate in the informative monthly Community Relations Forum hosted by Capt. Paul Chignell. There are refreshments, guest speakers, and the opportunity to ask questions and air your concerns. Drop in and get acquainted with some of the dedicated people whose job is keeping our neighborhood safe. The main station number is 404-4000, or send e-mail to Paul.Chignell@sfgov.org.

Next dates: June 19, July 17, August 21.

Glen Park Neighborhood Emergency Response Team

In a major disaster, trained Glen Park NERT members will meet with other volunteers at the Glen Park Recreation Center in the park. Free classes are given all year in various San Francisco neighborhoods. Learn to be self-sufficient in a disaster, and learn basic skills to help your family and your neighbors. Register at www.sfgov.org/sffdntert.

Summer NERT Classes:

June 23 & 30, 8 am–5 pm: Intensive 2-day Saturday class, Bayview Police Station community room, 201 Williams Ave. @ Newhall.

July 10 & 17, 8 am–5 pm: Intensive 2-day Tuesday class, UCSF Mission Bay campus, Rm. 114, Genentech Hall, 600 - 16th St., ID required for entry.

July 12–Aug. 16, 6:30–9:30 pm: 6-weekly Thursday sessions, 420 - 24th Ave. @ Geary.

July 18–Aug. 22, 6–9 pm: 6 weekly Wednesday sessions, West Bay Conference Center, 1290 Fillmore St. @ Eddy.

Neighborhood Parks Council

Wednesday, June 13, 6–7:30 pm, at NPC, 451 Hayes St. @ Octavia, 2nd floor. Monthly coalition meeting: Join NPC and park groups to learn innovative fundraising methods for parks. Wine and cheese provided. For more information and to RSVP call Chloe Good, 621-3260 or e-mail cgood@sfnpc.org.

Bird & Beckett Events

Bird & Beckett Books & Records, 2788 Diamond St., presents a variety of free literary and musical events. For the latest information, check their web site, www.bird-beckett.com, or call owner Eric Whittington at 586-3733.

Coming Events:

Every Friday, 5:30–8 pm: **Jazz in the Bookshop:**

Three **book groups** meet each month, on the 1st Wednesdays 2nd Tuesday & 3rd Thursday, at 7 pm. All are welcome; check at the bookshop for details.

Thursday, June 7, 7:30 pm: **Glen Park** writer and *San Francisco Examiner* staffer **Beth Winegarner** reads from her debut novel, *Beloved*.

Friday, June 8, 5:30 pm: The **Jimmy Ryan Quartet** plays jazz.

Tuesday, June 12, 7 pm: The monthly **Eminent Authors' Birthdays** open reading.

Friday, June 15, 5:30 pm: Don Prell's **SeaBop Ensemble** swings.

Sunday, June 17, 3 pm: **Book release party** for Poet Joie Cook.

Monday, June 18, 7:30 pm: Poets **Gary Bolstridge & Walker Brents**, followed by an open mic.

Thursday, June 21, 7 pm: **Bird & Beckett Political Book Discussion Group:** Stephen Kinszer's *All the Shah's Men: An American Coup and the Roots of Middle East Terror*.

Friday, June 22, 5:30 pm: The

Henry Irvin Quartet with Bishop Norman Williams, featuring vocalist Dorothy Lefkovits.

Friday, June 29, 5:30 pm: **Book release party** for Glen Park writer (and New College Irish American Studies Program founder and co-director) **Daniel Cassidy**, featuring readings from his new book *How the Irish Invented Slang: The Secret Language of the Crossroads*, with music by percussionist **Teddy "Osito" Strong's jazz & mambo trio**.

Wednesday, July 11, 7:30 pm: **Writer Michael Fournier** reads from *Double Nickels on the Dime*, his new book on the **Minutemen**, San Pedro's masters of the 40-second punk rock screed.

Monday, July 16, 7:30 pm: Poets **Tina Zamar** and **Mushra Rehman**, followed by an open mic.

Friday, July 20, 8:30 pm–midnight: **Pre-publication party** for *Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallows*, which will be released at midnight. Kids are invited to read aloud from the first Harry Potter book while we wait for the stroke of midnight to unveil the new book. Bring the little ones for the first hour of the festivities; older kids (and really old kids) can stay till midnight and get the book when the clock strikes twelve. The store reopens at 8 am Saturday for non-

night-owls. Order early so B&B can better estimate demand for the book, to avoid being caught short. *Reserve your copy and pay in advance by cash or check to receive a \$10 discount.*

Monday, July 30, 7:30 pm: **Labor Fest** presents poets and fiction writers of the **National Writers Union**, hosted by **Alice Rogoff**.

Saturday, August 4, 4 pm. Poets and Beat era icons **Diane di Prima** and **Michael McClure** read together in a special benefit for the bookshop. Tickets available in advance beginning July 15th.

Sunday, August 5, 3 pm: **Book release party** for *San Francisco's Glen Park and Diamond Heights*, with author **Emma Bland Smith**. Our own neighborhood book in the Arcadia "Images of America" series is here at last! ■

Back by Popular Demand!

The second annual Bird & Beckett Pancake Breakfast is being planned for August, to raise funds for the store's anticipated move to the Chenery Street site of the old Glen Park branch library. Check at the store and watch for posters for the date and time.



Grilling up one of the many great food choices at the Glen Park Festival.

Photo by Liz Mangelsdorf